

T. S. Canal.

80. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have decided to deviate the T. S. Canal at the Tunnel portion at Varkala; and

(b) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative whether the scheme will affect a large area of paddy fields?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) The matter is under investigation.

(b) In view of the answer to (a) this does not arise.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know the nature of the investigation?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Investigation is to find a suitable and economical line for the diversion of the canal.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that it would be more advantageous if one more groyne is immediately constructed just on the western side of the Varkala T. B.? The condition is very dangerous there.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have given some instructions about it and it is being attended to.

The Groynes at Varkala.

81. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the annual recurring expenditure for maintaining the groynes at Varkala;

(b) whether the groynes are at present permanent structures which do not require any maintenance; and

(c) whether the maintenance works are necessary in view of the fact that the T. S. Canal is to be deviated at the tunnel portion at Varkala?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) Rs. 8,000.

(b) Yes, but they require maintenance.

(c) Maintenance works are necessary even if the canal is deviated.

Athikkadai-Pulluvilai road.

82. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are taken to metal and improve the Athikkadai-Pulluvilai road (connecting Dharmapuram and Manak-kudy road); and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, why it is not metalled yet?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.